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## **FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

Last night, House and Senate conferees agreed to a \$397.4 billion omnibus appropriations bill for Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2003. The 1,100 page measure (H.J. Res. 2) combines the 11 remaining spending bills that were not adopted since the beginning of the new FFY on October 1, 2002. Over the past few weeks, negotiations have focused on how to provide \$3.1 billion in drought relief and increasing Medicare payments to physicians. Those issues and others were funded in the final package.

The legislation contains funding for the County's key appropriations priorities. Many of the details are not known as the final conference report language is not yet available in print. Except for Head Start, the funding levels below are subject to an across-the-board cut of between 0.6 and 0.7 percent to limit overall spending to \$397.4 billion. Based on information obtained by the County's Washington Advocates, a House Appropriations Committee summary, and available draft bill language, FFY 2003 appropriations for programs of County interest are summarized below.

## **JUSTICE ASSISTANCE**

**State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (SCAAP):** Despite assurances as late as last week that SCAAP would receive a small cut from the FFY 2002 level of \$565 million, SCAAP is funded at \$250 million, less the above-mentioned across-the-board cut. The Administration had proposed to eliminate SCAAP, and the previous Senate version also did not fund SCAAP. Senate Appropriations Chairman Ted Stevens (R-Alaska) insisted on the major cut in SCAAP funding. A number of members of the County's Congressional delegation, including Senator Feinstein and Representative Dreier, sought to increase SCAAP funding in the final hours of the conference committee negotiations. The main obstacle to securing a

higher SCAAP funding level is that a few states and counties receive the lion's share of total funding. California, New York, and Texas are the only states which received more SCAAP funds than Los Angeles County in FFY 2002.

**Justice Accountability Incentive Block Grant (JAIBG):** The FFY 2003 funding level is \$190 million, a decrease from \$249 million in FFY 2002.

**Local Law Enforcement Block Grant (LLEBG):** The FFY 2003 funding level is \$400 million, the same level as FFY 2002.

**Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS):** COPS is funded at \$928 million for FFY 2003, a decrease from the FFY 2002 level of \$1.05 billion.

**Byrne Formula Grants:** The FFY 2003 funding level is \$500 million, the same level as FFY 2002.

## **LABOR/HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (HHS)/EDUCATION**

**Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF):** The bill includes language to temporarily extend the TANF program through June 30, 2003. Today, the House is expected to pass H.R. 4, a TANF reauthorization bill which is very similar to last year's House-passed bill. To speed the TANF reauthorization process, H.R. 4 was sent directly to the House floor without being considered at the committee level.

**Workforce Investment Act (WIA):** The FFY 2003 funding level for the WIA Adult Grant is \$900 million, a decrease of \$50 million from FFY 2002. WIA Youth Training funding is cut by \$127 million from \$1.128 billion in FFY 2002 to \$1.001 billion in FFY 2003, while the WIA Dislocated Worker formula grant to states is increased by \$28 million from \$1.129 billion in FFY 2002 to \$1.157 billion in FFY 2003.

**Child Care and Development Block Grant:** The FFY 2003 funding level is \$2.1 billion, the same level as FFY 2002.

**Head Start:** The FFY 2003 funding level is \$6.668 billion, an increase of \$131 million from FFY 2002.

**Social Services Block Grant (SSBG):** The FFY 2003 funding level is \$1.7 billion, the same level as FFY 2002.

**Adoption Assistance:** The FFY 2003 funding level is \$1.585 billion, an increase of \$158.5 million from FFY 2002.

**Independent Living:** The FFY 2003 funding level for the base Independent Living Program, which assists foster youth in making the transition from foster care to independence, is \$140 million, the same level as FFY 2002. In addition, the bill includes \$42 million for a new initiative to provide education and training vouchers to youth aging out of the foster care system.

**Promoting Safe and Stable Families:** The FFY 2003 funding level for this program which funds family preservation and other services aimed at preventing family crises that would require a child's removal from his or her home is \$305 million, the same level as FFY 2002.

**Child Welfare Services:** The FFY 2003 funding level is \$292 million, the same level as FFY 2002.

**Community Services Block Grant:** The FFY 2003 funding level is \$650 million, the same level as FFY 2002.

**Ryan White AIDS:** Overall funding for Ryan White AIDS programs increased by \$95.8 million from \$1.910 billion in FFY 2002 to \$2.006 billion in FFY 2003. This includes an increase for Title I emergency assistance grants to heavily impacted areas, such as Los Angeles County, from \$619.4 million in FFY 2002 to \$622.7 million in FFY 2003.

**Community Health Centers:** The FFY 2003 funding level is \$1.515 billion, an increase of \$171 million from FFY 2002.

**Maternal and Child Health (MCH):** The FFY 2003 funding level is \$734.7 million, an increase of \$3.5 million from FFY 2002.

**Community Access Program (CAP):** The FFY 2003 funding level is \$120 million, the same level as FFY 2002.

**Substance Abuse Block Grant:** The FFY 2003 funding level is \$1.703 billion, which is \$22 million below FFY 2002.

**Mental Health Block Grant:** The FFY 2003 funding level is \$440 million, an increase of \$7 million from FFY 2002.

**Older Americans Act (OAA) Programs:** Overall funding for OAA programs increased by \$29 million from \$1.347 billion in FFY 2002 to \$1.376 billion in FFY 2003. This includes an increase of \$14 million for the Family Caregiver Support program from \$136 million in FFY 2002 to \$150 million in FFY 2003.

## **HOMELAND SECURITY**

**First Responder Grants:** The bill includes \$3.5 billion for first responder grants in FFY 2003, the amount requested by the Administration. The final details of how these funds will be allocated are not yet available.

**Firefighting Grants:** The FFY 2003 funding level is \$750 million, an increase of \$390 million from FFY 2002.

## **ELECTION REFORM**

There will be a significant infusion of new money for election reform efforts as conferees accepted the Senate's FFY 2003 funding level of \$1.5 billion for election reform activities aimed at assisting state and local governments in updating their voting equipment and implementing other election reforms authorized under the Help America Vote Act of 2002 (P.L. 107-252).

## **HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT**

**Community Development Block Grant (CDBG):** The overall FFY 2003 CDBG funding level is \$4.937 billion, a decrease of \$63 million from FFY 2002.

**Housing Investment Partnership Program (HOME):** The FFY 2003 funding level is \$1.93 billion, an increase of \$129 million from FFY 2002.

**Homeless Assistance Grants:** The overall FFY 2003 CDBG funding level is \$1.23 billion, an increase of \$102 million from FFY 2002. This includes full funding for Shelter Plus Care renewals.

## **TRANSPORTATION**

The overall funding level for highways is \$31.8 billion in FFY 2003, the same as FFY 2003.

## **RESOURCES**

**Land and Water Conservation Fund:** The FFY 2003 funding level for state assistance grants is \$98 million in FFY 2003, a decrease of \$42 million from FFY 2002.

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**Urban Parks and Recreation Recovery Program (UPARR):** Funding for UPARR is cut from \$30 million in FFY 2002 to \$300,000 in FFY 2003, all of which is for Federal administration. No FFY 2003 funds are provided for grants to state and local governments.

We will continue to keep you advised of any new developments.

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